Breaches caused by the recent floods in the Kurumathoor Ela.

25. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether breaches caused by the recent floods in the Kurumathoor Ela, Vilavankod taluk, have been repaired;

(*b*) whether the people of the locality petitioned the Dewan, while on circuit to Kuzhithura; and

(*c*) what steps they have taken for repairing the breaches?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) An estimate has been sanctioned for the work.

Breaches caused by recent floods in Amsi Ela.

26. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the breaches caused by the recent floods in Amsi Ela, Vilvankod taluk, have been repaired?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: An estimate for repairing the breaches referred to is under consideration.

Preparation of artificial manure by the Agricultural Department.

27. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Agricultural Department has taken necessary action for making artificial manures in Travancore;

(*b*) the quantity of bone that is being exported from Travancore every year;

(*c*) whether the Agricultural Department has made any provision for the collection and conversion of bones into bone-meal on scientific lines: and

(*d*) whether the Agricultural Department has gone into the question of converting night-soil obtained from the Municipalities of the State into artificial manure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) It varies from year to year. According to official statistics the figures for 1105, 1106 and 1107 are 4,618 cwts., 4,900 cwts., and 1,612 cwts. respectively.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes. A few large scale experiments have been conducted at Quilon.

Expenditure on the Public Offices Gardens.

28. MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the expenditure per year incurred on account of the Public Offices Gardens during 1106, 1107 and 1108 M. E.?

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